

# UIPI welcomes the creation of the European Parliament's Special Committee on Housing

**Brussels, 18 December 2024** – The International Union of Property Owners (UIPI) welcomes the establishment of a Special Committee on the Housing crisis in the European Union at the European Parliament, a dedicated temporary body set to address Europe's diverse housing challenges over a 12-month mandate. The committee, comprising 33 members of the European Parliament, was approved by a majority vote (480 in favour) during the December plenary session.

The Housing Committee aims to map housing needs across Europe, analyse existing policies at all levels, and assess factors affecting affordability, availability, and sustainability, including short-term rentals, construction barriers, and housing speculation. It seeks to propose recommendations and contribute to a European affordable housing plan and housing construction strategy. Its composition will reflect the political balance of the Parliament, with committee members officially announced during the January 2025 plenary session.

UIPI, representing private homeowners, landlords, and co-owners across Europe, is ready to actively engage with the committee to ensure that housing policies address private housing sector contributions and homeowners' concerns.

Emmanuelle Causse, UIPI Secretary General, said:

*"The Special Committee is an opportunity to address Europe's housing challenges while respecting national competences. UIPI is committed to supporting balanced and practical solutions that benefit citizens and stakeholders alike."*

The creation of this Special Committee reflects the European Parliament's broader efforts to address key challenges and priorities. In addition to the Housing Committee, another Special Committee on the European Democracy Shield and two new standing committees on Security and Defence and Public Health were also established during the December session.

For more information, refer to the [European Parliament Press Release](#).

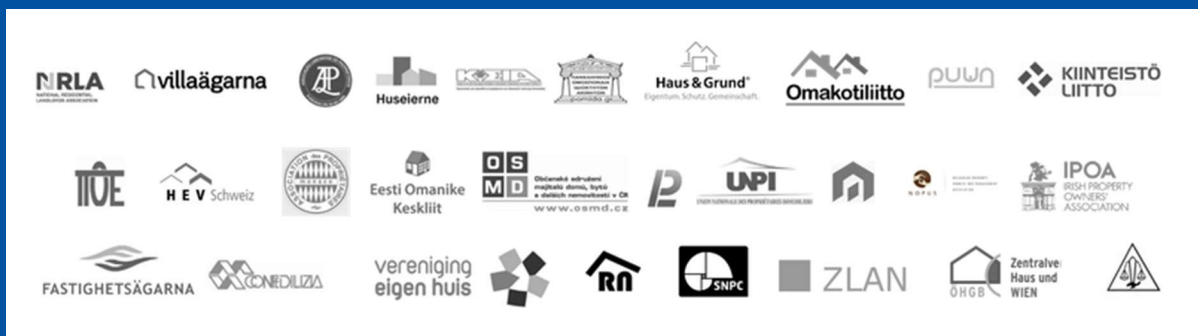
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## About UIPI

The International Union of Property Owners (UIPI), the largest pan-European non-profit association of both home owners and private landlords. UIPI comprises 31 organisations from 28 countries, which, jointly, represent more than 5 million private property owners and around 25 million dwellings all over Europe.

The interests of the sector we represent correspond to the concerns and needs of a substantial part of the European population. As shown by Eurostat, almost 70% of EU citizens are owner-occupiers, whereas almost another 20% of the population is housed in the private rented sector.

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